MR. WARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the work will be completed in 1115.

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Yes, if lands are acquired.

Arrest of Messrs. John Philipose, A. Gangadhara Menon, etc., in Pettah Maidanam.

171 *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the month of Thulam 1115 Messrs. E. John Philipose, Ex-M. L. A., A. Gangadhara Menon, M. N. Parameswaran Pillai, B. A., B. L., and T. K. Narayana Pillai were arrested for addressing a State-Congress Meeting in Pettah Maidanam, near the Pettah Railway station;

(*b*) the reason for the arrest?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) They have been detained under the Defence of Travancore Rules.

Co-operative Societies.

172 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of co-operative societies keeping property registers recording the assets of the members; and

(*b*) the number of co-operative societies having 'loan utilisation enquiry committees' to enquire how the loans are utilised?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) 521.

(*b*) Nil.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the maintenance of such registers is not conducive to the growth of the societies?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Certainly, it is.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the maintenance of such registers is not enforced?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: If the bye-laws of the society provide for the maintenance of such registers they have to be maintained and if they are not maintained, the matter will be enquired into.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Cannot the societies be asked to include it in their bye-laws?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: They can be asked

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government whether there is any provision in the present Co-operative Societies Regulation regarding societies having loan utilisation enquiry committees?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: I claim notice.

Export duty on molasses.

173 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the export duty on molasses has been reduced recently;

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